

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB344
Income Tax - Caregiver Tax Credit

As an advocate for seniors and persons with a disability, I was very pleased to see this Bill. It is one that personally related to me many years ago.

Unfortunately, but happily, I was responsible for the caretaking payment expenses of my father and my aunt - both of whom I chose to have remain in the comfort of their homes.

The major expense was paying caregivers, the cost of which far exceeded the small Social Security check they each received. Additional expenses seemed to be non-ending.

Having them go into a facility would have meant they would have had to be on Medicaid. Not everyone has a loved one who is able to do as I did.

For this reason, I believe the Committee will understand the need to save taxpayers the enormous cost of facility care vs. the family member sustaining these costs and give this Bill a Favorable vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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